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MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
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Statement of Substance of Interview in 3 pages.

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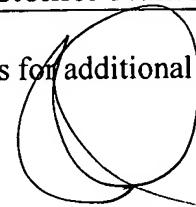
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Dear Sir:

In response to the personal interview conducted on July 20, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant's representative provides the following statement.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1, 11, and proposed new dependent claim were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Clawson (U.S. Patent No. 6,106,459) and Barber et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,858,121) were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

Amendments were proposed to clarify the billing modifier module element of independent Claim 1 and clarify the relationship of the clinical encounter information to the other information in the medical emergency database.

Amendments were proposed to clarify independent Claim 11 to expressly recite determining a billing modifier and applying the billing modifier to the medical charges.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

The “comparison” feature is not disclosed in the cited references, nor is the application of the comparison result to cause billing modifiers to be applied to the medical charges as recited in Claim 1. Determining a billing modifier and applying the billing modifier to the medical charges as recited in Claim 11 is also not disclosed in the cited references.

There is no suggestion to combine the cited references since the alleged benefits of combining the references can all be met by the Barber reference.

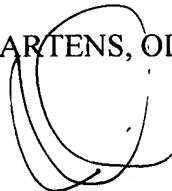
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Results of Interview

Modifications to the claim language were developed with the assistance of Mr. Gottschalk and Mr. Thomas that seemed to address their concerns. The Examiners will reconsider rejections based on the written response, which may need to be filed as a Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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